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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **DUMFRIES ENTREPRENEUR IS SBA'S MINORITY SMALL BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR FOR VIRGINIA**

**RICHMOND** – Houston E. Gray, Acting District Director of the U.S. Small Business Administration's Richmond District Office, announced today that **Dennis M. "Mike" McCarley**, President and Founder of ICI, LLC of Dumfries, Virginia, has been selected by the SBA's Richmond District as the **Minority Small Business Person of the Year for 2004**. The Richmond District's territory includes all of Virginia with the exception of the cities of Arlington and Alexandria, and the counties of Fairfax and Loudoun. "ICI, LLC has experienced tremendous growth in its first five years of operations, both in terms of revenues and numbers of employees, while providing their customers with superior service", said Gray.

McCarley founded ICI, LLC in September 1999 with a strong government contracting background. Following 10 years of service as a U.S. Naval Officer assigned to various surface ships as well as the U.S. Naval Safety Center, McCarley worked his way up to a Senior Program Manager/Chief of the Ship Program Support Division for the oldest Naval architecture firm in the country supporting engineering requirements against multiple Navy ship classes.

ICI, LLC is an 8(a)/SDB, HUBZone certified, veteran-owned small business providing engineering and technical support to the U.S. Navy, U.S. Army, U.S. Air Force and other federal agencies. ICI support staff work in 13 states as well as Japan (Naval Station Yokosuka) providing services which include marine engineering, naval architecture, civil engineering, environmental engineering, program management, financial management, and base operations support.

McCarley is an active supporter of the Lions Club, a past board member for the Prince William County Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC), a member of the American Indian Society (AIS) of Washington D.C. and has sponsored local VA Sports Youth Leagues for disabled children. He is an active member of the National Association of Certified Government Business Enterprises (NACGBE).

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